

REMARKS

Applicants have read and considered the Office Action dated April 3, 2006. Claims 1-2, 6, 7, 9, and 11 have been amended. Claims 3, 5, and 12-16 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 1-2, 4, and 6-11 are currently pending.

Claims 1-11 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 because the claimed invention is directed to non-statutory subject matter. The Office Action states that the steps in the method steps and system steps are mathematical algorithm. The Action states that a computer that solely calculates a mathematical formula is not statutory. The Action finally states that the language of the claims are directed merely to mathematical algorithm that has no limitation to a practical application which produces a concrete, useful, and tangible result. Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection.

Applicants assert that the claims derived an emotion term and provided more than just a mathematical algorithm. However, the claims have been amended to further clarify a method and system that produces tangible results. Claim 1 recites that the emotion term is used to derive an emotion and simulate a feeling or behavior. Such steps are supported by the specification, and clearly provide a result that is not just a calculation from a mathematical algorithm. Simulating a feeling or behavior can be utilized in a number of useful applications, including computer graphics and other applications to provide tangible results.

Applicants assert that the only rejection has been overcome and that the claims are in condition for allowance. Applicants further assert that this amendment does not raise issues that require reconsideration or further searching following the Final Office Action and that it should be entered.

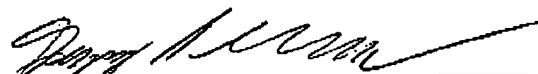
A speedy and favorable action in the form of a Notice of Allowance is hereby solicited.
If the Examiner feels that a telephone interview may be helpful in this matter, please contact
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Respectfully submitted,

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